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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

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On 10 November 1947 Mr. Luther J. Reid, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, called on the Chief, [REDACTED]. Mr. Reid was quite concerned because the story on the Molotov Speech in Moscow on the occasion of the 30th anniversary celebration of the revolution had broken in the London papers several hours before any information was received in Washington. He was interested in working out some arrangement whereby his office could be tipped off on such stories and obtain some information thereon prior to their publication in the Daily Reports.

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It was agreed that the [REDACTED] Editorial Division (specifically the "B" Wire editor) would attempt on an experimental basis for a period of two weeks to call his office on stories of importance and merely inform him that such and such a story was coming thru and that it looked important. Following that, the burden of obtaining this story either direct from [REDACTED] or from the OIC "B" wire service would be upon Mr. Reid's office. At the end of the two weeks another conference will be held with Mr. Reid to determine whether or not this service satisfactorily meets his needs.

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Mr. Reid's office is located in the Main State Department Building, Room 4170; telephone: State extension 2461, [REDACTED]  
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Chief, [REDACTED]

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